

TWO MILLION BRITONS FAIL TO OFFER SERVICES

HILLES ISSUES OFFICIAL CALL

For the Republican National Convention to Nominate a Presidential Ticket.

DELEGATES ARE APPOINTED

Members of the Convention Are to Be Fewer in Number Than Four Years Ago.

Charles D. Hilles, chairman of the Republican National Committee, has issued the following official call for the next Republican national convention:

To the Republican Electors of the United States:

In accordance with established custom and in obedience to instructions of the Republican national convention of 1912, the Republican National Committee now directs that a national convention of delegates representative of the Republican party be held in the city of Chicago, in the state of Illinois, at 11 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, June 7, 1916, for the purpose of nominating candidates for president and vice-president, to be voted for at the presidential election on Tuesday, November 7, 1916, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

The Republican electors of the several states and the district of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands, and all other electors without regard to past political affiliations, who believe in the principles of the Republican party and endorse its policies, are cordially invited to unite under this call in the selection of delegates to said convention. Said national convention shall consist of four delegates at large from each state, and two delegates at large for each representative at large in Congress; one delegate from each congressional district; an additional delegate for each congressional district in which the vote for any Republican elector in 1908, or for the Republican nominee for Congress in 1914, shall have been not less than 7,500; two delegates each from the district of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands. All delegates from any state may, however, be chosen from the state at large in the event that the laws of the state in which the election occurs so provide. Alternate delegates shall be elected to this convention for each unit of representation equal to the number of delegates elected therein. In the absence of any delegate at large or delegate from a congressional district, the roll of alternates for the state or the district shall be called in the order in which the names are placed upon the roll of the convention.

Delegates at large and their alternates, and delegates from congressional districts and their alternates, shall be elected in the following manner:

(1) By primary elections, in accordance with the laws of the state in which the election occurs, in such states as require by law the election of delegates to national conventions of political parties by direct primaries; provided, that in any state in which Republican representation upon the board of judges or inspectors of elections for such primary election is denied by law, delegates and alternates shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

(2) By congressional, territorial or state conventions, as the case may be, to be called by the congressional, territorial or state committees, respectively. Notice of the call for such conventions shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district, territory or state. In a congressional district, where there is no Republican congressional committee, the Republican state committee shall issue the call and make said publication. No delegates or alternates shall be deemed eligible to participate in any convention to elect delegates to the national convention who were elected prior to the adoption of this call.

Delegates presenting certificates of election from the canvassing boards or officer created or designated by state law to canvass the returns and issue certificates of election to delegates to the national convention shall be placed upon by this committee.

The election of delegates from the district of Columbia shall be under the direction and supervision of an election board, composed of Charles Linkins, Charles H. Bauman and Jesse H. Foster, of the District of Columbia. This board shall have authority to fix the date of said convention, subject to the provisions of this call, and to arrange all details incidental thereto; and shall provide for a registration of the votes cast, such registration to include the name and residence of each voter.

The delegates from Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands shall be elected in conformity with the laws and regulations adopted by the committee, copies of which will be furnished to the governing committee of the Republican party in such territory and insular possessions.

All delegates and alternates shall be elected not earlier than thirty days after the date of this call, and not later than thirty days before the date of the meeting of the Republican national convention, for which this call is issued, unless otherwise provided by the laws of the state in which the

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STRIKE

Of Crucible Steel Workers for an Increase of Wages is on Now.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Seven hundred men employed at the plant of the Crucible Steel Company of America at Jersey City struck Wednesday, according to strike leaders. The men asked an advance of fifteen per cent in their wages. A few weeks ago the mill men, numbering about 250 employed in the works, received an advance of fifteen per cent. All other employees now ask the same advance.

Strikers said the mill had been working on war material for some time.

CIRCUIT

Court Acts in Three Cases of Litigation Which Are Pending Therein.

In the circuit court, Wednesday H. O. Post, guardian of Mortimer L. McGahan, was authorized to lease the interest of his ward in 300 acres of land in Union district for oil and gas purposes.

The chancery suit of the Continental Supply Company against John W. Tremley was transferred to Randolph county.

Executions were awarded on sums heretofore decreed to be due in the suit of Harry J. Maloy against Charles R. Patterson et al.

WAZIER FUNERAL.

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Jennie Walker, aged 45 years, wife of Thomas Walker, of Glen Elk No. 2, will be held at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Walker home and the burial will be in the Masonic cemetery.

MORE FACTORIES ENROLL.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
LONDON, Jan. 5.—The minister of munitions, David Lloyd George, announced today that 396 additional establishments had been enrolled under the control of the ministry since January 1. This makes a total of 2,422 controlled establishments.

MUTCHLER DEAD.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
EASTON, Pa., Jan. 5.—Howard Mutchler, a former congressman and prominent in Democratic politics in Pennsylvania, died at his home here last night of pneumonia. He was 56 years old.

PNEUMONIA CAUSES DEATH.

Ernest Ervin, aged 10 months, son of the Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Ervin, of New Fair Grounds, died at 9 o'clock Tuesday night following a short illness of pneumonia. The child is survived by his parents and seven brothers and sisters. The funeral services will be held at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning at the home and the burial will be in the Greenlawn cemetery.

DIVORCE SUIT ENDS IN DOUBLE TRAGEDY

When Dennis Shoots Smith to Death in Wheeling and Then Kills Himself.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WHEELING, Jan. 5.—Lester Smith, a wealthy real estate operator, was shot and killed a few minutes after he left his home here Wednesday by Joseph Dennis, who then killed himself. Dennis recently filed a divorce action against his wife, naming Smith as correspondent. A number of persons on the street witnessed the tragedy.

Smith, who had served as county assessor and was now treasurer of the board of equalization and review, had just left his handsome residence in Overbrook avenue, when Dennis, who had been concealed near the house, followed him. Dennis said nothing to Smith, who apparently did not know he was being followed until Dennis pulled a revolver from his pocket and fired. Smith turned and Dennis fired three more shots, only one missing the body and then shot himself in the head.

The coroner later viewed the bodies and decided no formal inquest was necessary.

PROMISES TO MOVE OUT.

Lloyd Evans, of Columbia Mines, was released under his promise to move out of a dwelling belonging to the Consolidation Coal Company there, when tried before Magistrate R. Edward Kidd Tuesday night on a charge of trespassing. He had been in jail awaiting trial.

Waterways of Nation Should Be Improved, But Scientifically, and Without Waste, Says Burton

(This is the first of a series of articles on national problems written for this paper by ex-Senator Burton, of Ohio. This series is of particular interest at this time for two reasons: first, because of Senator Burton's long and distinguished career in Congress; secondly, because Mr. Burton is now one of the leading candidates for the Republican nomination for president.—The Editor.)

By Theodore E. Burton.

Through long association with the problems of waterway development, the subject has commanded my deep attachment and most friendly interest. But conditions have changed and I have been forced to the conclusion that certain forms of river and harbor improvement are impracticable.

It has been the dream of my public career that the waterways of the United States might in time become the highways of a magnificent commercial empire. The sight of an idle stream, on whose surface we might transport an enormous tonnage, appeals strongly to the imagination, and suggests at all times as a protest against the expensive methods of land transportation. But this idea, alluring as it is, is forced to yield to more practical issues when we apply to it the test of economic principles.

In considering the question of expending the money of the taxpayers of the country, we should at all times be bound by those same considerations which determine the managers



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of successful corporations in the disbursement of corporate funds. Formerly Congress had fallen into the custom of making appropriations for almost any stream possessing a sufficient channel to permit navigation. Too little consideration was given to the question of whether there existed any commerce upon the river, or whether the deepening

or widening of its channel would increase its commerce. The result has been that while our expenditures for improving the harbors and tidal rivers of the country have for the most part been profitable, we have been appropriating large sums for improving rivers where, despite the expenditure of enormous sums of money, the commerce has been declining in the most discouraging ratio.

Courts Can Regulate Railroad Rates. The existence of commerce, or the possibility of the condition governing such appropriations. Many instances could be cited where, despite the expenditure of several million dollars, the commerce on some of our large rivers has fallen off with disheartening uniformity. The widening of a river or the dredging of a channel will not develop commerce where there is no traffic to be hauled or where economic considerations make necessary or more profitable the transportation of goods by other agencies.

Despite the discouraging results attained by the improvement of many of our rivers, there are today advocates of the continued expenditure of money who insist that the existence of a channel, even though not a single boat operates on the stream, should be secured at any cost as a means of compelling railroad lines to lower their freight rates.

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SUBMARINE CRISIS IS NOT YET ACTED UPON

Wilson and Lansing Are Waiting for More Facts about Sinking of Persia.

WILL CONSULT EXPERTS

Official Despatches Show That McNeely Is the Only American Passenger Missing.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—President Wilson conferred with Secretary Lansing for an hour today over the submarine crisis. No additional facts beyond the definite knowledge that only two Americans were aboard the liner Persia had been received by the state department overnight from either Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, Ambassador Gerard at Berlin or American consular agents along the shores of the Mediterranean. Such information as had already been received, however, was carefully reviewed by both the president and Mr. Lansing.

There was still every indication that no action would be taken pending the receipt of further advice. Either the status of the Persia was changed from an unarmed liner to that of a vessel which might technically be classified as armed by the fact that it mounted one gun, is a point which United States navy experts will be called upon to help determine. They will be asked for advice on how the liner's one gun might have been used. Meager despatches have failed to indicate whether the gun was mounted for defense or offense.

Official despatches received today establish that only one American is among the missing passengers—Robert N. McNeely, newly appointed American consul at Aden. Charles H. Grant, the other American passenger, was rescued.

GREECE PROTESTS

Against the Arrest of the German and Other Consuls in City of Saloniki.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
BERLIN, Jan. 5.—"The Greek minister at Sofia has presented to Premier Radoslawoff the text of the Greek note protesting to the Entente powers against the arrest of the German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish consuls at Saloniki," says the Overseas News Agency. "The minister informed the premier that Greece will use all means at its disposal to support its claims and desires to maintain good relations with the central powers."

WRITTEN PROTEST IS AGAINST THE ARREST

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Greek government has made a written protest against the arrest of Greek subjects at Saloniki. This protest, which has been delivered to the Entente ministers at Athens, demands the immediate release of these persons.

TO ATTEND FUNERAL.

Members of Hermon Lodge, No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, are requested to meet at the Masonic temple at 2:30 o'clock sharp Thursday morning for the purpose attending the funeral of Joseph G. Mason.

CABINET CRISIS NOT YET ENDED

MAIL DELAYED

So Far as Delivery is Concerned on Account of English Censorship.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
LONDON, Jan. 5.—In consequence of the inauguration of censorship of mails arriving in England from the United States the letters brought in last Sunday on the Steamships St. Paul and Noorda, have not yet been distributed, although the government states first class mail is not to be delayed longer than twenty-four hours after its arrival. It is also said that certain letters and second class matter to which no suspicion attaches will not be held up.

ENTENTE BLAMED

For Not Showing Very Friendly Feeling toward Greece Soon Enough.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
THE HAGUE, Jan. 5.—The Vaderland comments as follows on the arrest by the French authorities at Saloniki of the consuls representing the Teutonic allies:

"This is nothing but a sequel to the fluctuating attitude of Greece. The Entente does not show a very friendly feeling towards Greece. The fault of the Entente is that it thought too late of the danger presented by the presence of the consuls and their staff, who perhaps already have seen too much."

Berlin newspapers express indignation at the arrests and declare that the time has come for an immediate advance against the Allies' forces to avenge this affront.

SURVIVORS

Of the Persia Reach Alexandria Bearing Traces of Shock and Hardships.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
LONDON, Jan. 5.—The survivors of the British steamship Persia, which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean, reached Alexandria, according to the account by Reuters' correspondent, all bearing traces of shock and hardships. Most of them had badly bruised and banded limbs. One woman is in a hospital with a broken leg.

SUICIDE

Is Attempted in Sacred Edifice by a Young Italian.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
ROME, Jan. 5.—The basilica in St. Peters was closed today because a young man named Antonio Giovannoli attempted to commit suicide in the sacred edifice. Giovannoli shot himself with a revolver. The wound was slight, but as blood had been spilled the basilica was closed in accordance with the rules of the church and will not be reopened until it has been reconsecrated, which probably will be tomorrow.

LILLY'S HOME COUNTY WELCOMES ROBINSON

OUTBREAK

Of Revolutionists Occurs at Port au Prince at Early Morning Hour.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Jan. 5.—A revolutionary outbreak occurred at 2 o'clock this morning at Port au Prince. The force of American marines maintained in this city was attacked. One of the rebels was killed by the Americans, who suffered no loss. Several troops of insurrectionists moved on Grand Prevoit and ran through the streets discharging rifles. The Americans met them and they were rapidly dispersed. The outbreak is generally condemned and has been characterized as a piece of folly.

ANXIOUS MOOD

Is Shown by House of Commons, Uncertain of Effect of Compulsory Law.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
LONDON, Jan. 5.—The House of Commons reassembled today in anxious mood, uncertain how far the injection of compulsory service in the British military system might have broken or weakened the cabinet. This point presumably was settled definitely at the cabinet meeting which sat prior to the opening of parliament and adopted in its final form the conscription bill, which Premier Asquith will introduce tomorrow.

SKILLS HALF INTEREST.

Grant Lipscomb, colored, has sold a half interest in his barber shop to R. W. Lake and the latter is in personal charge of the same. Mr. Lake is a practical barber.

More Resignations of Members of That Body Are Altogether Probable.

GERMANY'S PLANS VEILED

Russians Repulse Austrian Attacks and Are Continuing Their Advance Now.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
LONDON, Jan. 5.—The figures of the Earl of Derby's stock taking of the United Kingdom's marshalled manhood show that over 3,000,000 men of military age have not yet offered their services in any form to the government.

Publication of the figures finds a cabinet crisis caused by the conscription problem by no means ended. The cabinet meeting today probably will come to a final decision and may result in other resignations. Ireland, which was not included in the Derby plan, also is said to be excluded from the conscription measure which the premier will introduce in the House of Commons tomorrow.

While England is still debating the question of conscription the Russians' great conscript armies are making desperate onslaughts on the Austro-Germans before Chernowitz where, according to Russian official reports, the Russians have not only repulsed Austrian counter attacks but themselves are steadily advancing.

The military plans of the central powers in the near East are still veiled in mystery but reports received from French sources are skeptical in regard to rumors that they are on the point of resuming the offensive in Macedonia. According to these reports the central empires have only thirteen infantry divisions available for such service, and unless Bulgaria supplies the deficiency it would be sheer madness, French critics believe, for them to attack the forces of the Entente in their entrenched positions. And it is said that Bulgaria gives little indication of volunteering such aid. According to unofficial report it declines any further assistance on the ground that it has fulfilled its bargain by conquering a portion of Serbia and doing its share towards opening the road to Constantinople.

In Albania there has been much apparent activity with relatively small military results. Perhaps the most important event in Albania is the declaration of war by Enver Pasha against Austria and Germany. This irregular chieftain is erratic but an undisputed military genius with a large and loyal following and he is reported to be well supplied with guns and munitions.

England has continued its colonial warfare with success in the Kamerun, where it is officially reported that the German base has been occupied by British forces.

French troops are also reported to be converging on Jaunde from the east and southeast so that the fleeing Germans soon may be surrounded. The bill providing for compulsory service was introduced in the House of Commons today by Premier Asquith.

The largest assemblage of members since the war began faced the premier. Many members had obtained leave to return from the front so that they might be able to vote on the conscription bill.

The Earl of Derby, who conducted the recruiting campaign, was in the peers gallery.

Under the terms of the compulsory military service bill introduced in the House of Commons Wednesday all males between the ages of 18 and 41, who are bachelors or widowers without children dependent upon them, are liable for military service. Ireland is excluded from the terms of the measure.

Mr. Asquith opened his address with an analysis of the figures in the Derby report. He emphasized the fact that during the Derby campaign nearly 3,000,000 men had offered their services. Even deducting those rejected on the ground of physical disability the total was still in excess of 2,500,000.

"These are wonderful, encouraging figures," the premier continued. They ought to convince both our allies and our enemies that the people of this country have their hearts in the war."

RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN IS TAKING FIRST PLACE

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Russian campaign in Bessarabia takes an undeniable first place in the war news with the announcement in a despatch from Petrograd that the Austro-German forces have evacuated Chernowitz which had become untenable because of the Russian capture of the heights surrounding the city. The despatches describe the great strength of the Austro-German defense throughout the whole district around Chernowitz, and dwell on the great bravery displayed by the Russian troops.

MRS. LATON IN ILL.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 5.—Mrs. G. D. Laton, of Pittsburgh, a member of the Derby party, will sail for the United States on Thursday, having left the expedition on account of ill health.